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CHURCHES FIGHT OVER DIVINITY

Huntington Ministerial Association Expels Two Members.

By ROBT. STARR THORNBURG. International News Staff Correspondent. Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Huntington, the bluest blue-law town in America outside of Zion City has been plunged into a theological war over the question of the divinity of Jesus Christ. Two Congregationalist ministers have been expelled and publicly rebuked by the Ministerial Association...

The Rev. Fred W. Hagan, graduate of Yale University, is the central figure in the religious storm. Hagan stands for progressive religion, which will harmonize with modern scientific teaching. He believes Jesus Christ was a man—not a God; that the Bible is a book prepared by men, in which were written prejudices and ideals of the past and that Biblical miracles were no more miracles than those of the wireless and airplane of today.

The Ministerial Association, headed by Dr. John S. Jenkins, Southern Methodist, adopted a resolution characterizing the Rev. Hagan's statements and his sermons as offensive. Hagan and his assistant, the Rev. H. N. Dukes, were dismissed from the ministers' society without a hearing.

"I have no apology to make," Hagan declared after the meeting. "I believe a liberal Gospel is the hope of the Church. If the Church will put its teachings on a reasonable basis men everywhere will accept religion."

Hagan suggested that there are many ministers in Huntington who believe in a liberal Gospel, but are afraid if they teach it they will be thrown out of their churches. The Congregationalist minister, while a student at Yale and after his graduation, preached in seventy-three different churches in New England.

"I found in New England, in the West and on the battlefields of France in the World War, men would not accept the teachings of the Church because they could not reconcile them to common sense and science," he said. "Baptists, Presbyterians, Southern and Northern Methodists and Congregationalists are alike in this belief."

The minister describes Jesus Christ as a great personality, but he refuses to believe His birth was the result of a divine conception.

The Rev. J. Layton Mauze, pastor of the aristocratic First Presbyterian Church, led the attack against the Rev. Hagan and the Rev. Dukes. He proposed the resolution which dismissed them without a trial. His resolution alleges Hagan was untruthful, offensive and that his teachings are harmful to the Church.

A still more bitter arraignment of the Rev. Hagan was made by the Rev. M. L. Wood, pastor of a Baptist church. "If we accept the natural birth theory of the Christ we will have to believe that Jesus was an illegitimate child—that Mary, proclaimed in the Scriptures as highly favored of God and blessed among women, was really a fallen Jewish girl and that Joseph was a dupe and a fool," declared the Rev. Wood from his pulpit.

The Congregational Church, with a big and wealthy membership adopted resolutions backing the Rev. Hagan. The resolutions expressed belief in their preacher, in spite of the vigorous attacks of the other ministers of the city. The former Congregationalist preacher was an organizer of the Ministerial Association, the constitution of which provides that none but those believing in the divinity and deity of Jesus Christ is eligible for membership.

Huntington is said to have the largest church attendance of any city of its size in the country. From fifteen to twenty thousand persons are regular church attenders.

COLLEGE GIRL WILL HELP SOCIETY OUT

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Through the influence of the college girl charges for the better will be brought about in the character of society, in the opinion of President Henry Noble MacCracken of Vasar, who has been addressing alumnae meetings in Chicago. The college girl, according to Dr. MacCracken will not be content with perpetual frivolity.

"Too much frivolity bores the college girl," said Dr. MacCracken. "She will not tolerate the frivolous things in society life. And because she has been trained to be a leader she will do away with them."

Dr. MacCracken said the college girl will substitute pleasure and culture for frivolity and speed. "If girls must be happy," he declared, "they must have something more to think about than style."

GOVERNOR COOPER GRANTS 31 PARDONS

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 24.—Governor Robert A. Cooper today granted 31 pardons and paroles to prisoners in the penitentiary and on the changes of the State. Some of the pardons were persons who have been previously paroled, given at this time to restore citizenship. In addition several temporary paroles were granted to permit prisoners to spend Christmas Day at their homes. The Governor has not yet acted on the recommendation of the pardon board that Dan Murphy be given a full pardon, although this prisoner, who has served 30 years of life sentence, says he does not wish to leave the prison.

SAD PLIGHT OF RUSSIAN TARTAR

No Food in the Soviet Republic of the Far East; Typical Case.

Ludogovka, Tartar Republic, Dec. 24.—The fourth anniversary of the establishment of the Soviet Republic in Russia found this peasant village of 600 people in no mood for celebrating. Foodless and cheerless, the starving population could have no heart for any sort of jubilation, even if it knew what the political maneuvers at Moscow mean. Like most Russian peasants, the unhappy folks of Ludogovka have no learning, nor will they study politics. Bread, wood and warm clothing are their three desires. They haven't enough of any of these.

Winter has had its first heavy coating of snow in the flat prairie, and the peasants have started, grim-faced, on their endurance test to see how many can survive the six months of cold and privation. Many of the younger children have been deemed as completely underfed by the doctors in the employ of the American Relief Administration that they will be given one good hot meal a day.

Ludogovka is a typical peasant village of the poorer class. It is 60 miles from Kazan and many miles from the Volga and railway communication. Unpainted log houses are scattered along a main street, and houses generally have two rooms. Some have three. Frequently the animal sheds are built against the houses for warmth. Many of the stables are at the back end of long vegetable gardens which yielded few potatoes and cabbages this year because of the drought. The stables are chiefly deserted. There is no forage, no grain for the animals which have survived up to this time on the dry stubble which will soon be under several feet of snow.

Russian doesn't have blizzards such as are known in America. In late October or early November the snows begin and continue gently nearly every day until the earth is covered to a depth of three or four feet.

This Winter will not bring its customary round of winter sports and recreations. There are no horses to draw the troikas and jingle the bells which ordinarily greet the person ways through the short days and long nights of frost.

The home of Ivan Ivanovich Petroff is typical of the most poverty-stricken houses visited by the correspondent. Petroff is a farmer, as practically all the villagers are. He has the use of several disjuncts of land, more than he was able to cultivate because of lack of animals and seed. He has once been a sturdy giant, over six feet tall. But his ragged trousers show his legs have shrunk to mere bones and his scraggly beard cannot conceal the emaciated and sallow complexion of his face. His wife is lying, ill, above a large masonry stove. A gangling, hollow-eyed boy of 15 stands listlessly and gazes at the strangers. A little girl of eight, who is getting the American meals and two others, slightly older, who were not designated for the foreign food, stand near their mother.

The furnishings of the room are almost nil. It has the smell of poverty and neglect. In good seasons Russian peasant houses are seldom clean. They are never ventilated. But the smell of cabbage soup and tea make them less offensive in normal years.

When asked what the family had to eat Petroff pointed to two loaves of green bread which lay on the stove and said there had been nothing else for his family in ten days. He threw open an adjoining room and pointed to a pile of the improvised "flour" out of which the bread was made. It was nothing but ground up grass, leaved sunflower seed and other trash of a similar character.

The visitors offered him money. He took it unwillingly and asked: "But what shall I do with it? There is nothing to buy in this village and I can't go in search of food. Neither can my family."

One of the American relief workers thereupon offered to buy some flour in a village many miles away. Through out the remote villages of the Tartar Republic and the Samara Government American workers have found the same lack of food.

NOT AFFECTED BY THE HIGH ALTITUDES

London, Dec. 24.—Many of the natives to Peru it is stated, are much less affected by the rarified air at high altitudes than the ordinary men of other races who are accustomed to hard labor. It is declared that at an altitude of 16,000 feet they can carry loads of 150 pounds up a steep incline where the ordinary person would find it all he could do to drag his own boots up.

The Royal Society is going to try to find out what is the secret that enables them to perform such feats of physical strength under conditions that would render the task an impossible one for the average man. Three scientists have just gone to Peru to investigate the phenomenon. They were Professor Watkins, J. L. Garbutt and J. H. Doggart, the two latter of Cambridge University.

Five other scientists from Canada and Canada and New York will join them in Peru. Mr. Barcroft told an interviewer that the purpose of the expedition is to test the strain to which the heart and lungs are subjected by carrying heavy loads at such great height, and to endeavor to discover how the natives can stand it.

ADVERTISEMENT CITY OF CHARLOTTE To General Contractors

The Board of School Commissioners of the City of Charlotte invite sealed proposals to erect and complete the Central High School, on corner of Cecil Street and Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. construction bond of a surety company therefor in the sum of 60% of the entire contract. Only proposals obtained at the office of Lockwood, Greene & Co., signed by the bidder and left before 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, January 5, 1922, at the office of the Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners, Mr. H. P. Harding, together with a certified check for \$1,500.00 payable to J. L. Wolfe, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of School Commissioners if the proposal is not carried out, will then and there be strictly guaranteed. Duplicate, to be sent as above. The Board of School Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals. A deposit of \$25.00 will be required for a complete set of plans and specifications, said sum to be refunded on return of drawings and specifications. A deposit of \$15.00 will be required for a set of heating and ventilating or electric plans with specifications. Mutation of the plans or specifications will be deemed sufficient cause for the forfeiture of said deposit. Address: Lockwood, Greene & Co., Engineers, 422 Piedmont Building, Charlotte, N. C. Dec. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, Jan. 1, 1922.



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Ned Gelute has kicked his spouse and kicked her madly from the house. "And you would kick your wife out, too," he cried, as he wiped off his shoe. If she should want a different hat and gown to wear to this and that. The world is in a hectic mess about a varied kind of dress. If my wife, Jane, went to the show she wore a dress of indigo. She bought a gown like gray sea foam to wear at night around the home. Whenever she went for a ride she wore a black frock on her back. My bank account has suffered shocks from indoor skirts and outdoor frocks. Each morning that my wife came down she wore a different breakfast gown. She then put on some other duds to die in the pose buds. A little later in the day she went out in a new array, saying that that special garb was made for mingling with the mob. When in the pantry making pies she wore a kind of kitchen guise and every time she wrote a note she donned a dainty writing coat. Her harness often changed at noon to one of crepe de chine muslin. A rolling frock and walking dress, a suit for bridge and one for chess, and every kind of sporting gown she bought from merchants in the town. Had not I kicked her methinks she'd soon have one for tiddle-dee-winks."

One can't blame poor Ned Gelute. Where are the days when one good suit would last a maid throughout the day at home, outdoors, at work or play? Ned did right in kicking Jane. The modern styles are quite insane. Copyright, 1921, by News Publishing Co.

AN IRISH PERMIT IS HARD TO OBTAIN

London, Dec. 24.—Newspapers publish the following as an official announcement by Austin Stack, Sinn Fein Home Affairs Secretary: "Permits to emigrate cannot be issued to persons who have left Ireland without them."

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CHICAGO LIQUOR RING EXPOSED BY OFFICERS

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Exposure of one of the most thoroughly organized liquor rings ever operated in Chicago was accomplished here yesterday, according to Federal prohibition agents following the arrest of three men and the confiscation of 21 barrels of whiskey. The ring was exposed, according to Federal agents, after attempts had been made to bribe prohibition agents with a view to flooding Chicago with whiskey during the holidays.

The men under arrest are Dr. I. Val Freedman, Samuel D. Freedman, his brother, and David Brunfield, all of Chicago. According to Edwin L. Weiss, assistant district attorney, warrants are being prepared for the arrest of several other persons, including a number of prominent politicians. The liquor ring was brought to light, according to Federal authorities when an attempt was made to bribe Col. A. C. Earnshaw, chief of the intelligence unit of the Revenue Department. A fund of \$100,000 had been raised for bribery purposes and \$300,000 for the purchase of the entire product of three distilleries in Kentucky. Colonel Earnshaw said he was told. He said he was offered \$65,000 to allow the plan to proceed. When arraigned charged with violation of the Federal prohibition law yesterday, Dr. Freedman and Brunfield were released in bonds of \$5,000 each and Samuel Freedman's bonds were fixed at \$2,000.

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